

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: January 18, 2006 - KW Division: County Attorney

Bulk Item: Yes X No Department: County Attorney

Staff Contact Person: Bob Shillinger

AGENDA ITEM WORDING:

Approval of payment of hourly rate increase from \$145 per hour to \$155 per hour for attorneys and from \$65 per hour to \$75 per hour for paralegals effective October 1, 2005 for professional legal services provided by *Johnson, Anselmo, Murdoch, Burke, Piper & McDuff, P.A.*

ITEM BACKGROUND:

Johnson, Anselmo, Murdoch, Burke, Piper & McDuff, P.A. represent Monroe County in various legal matters including litigation due to an agreement between the County and the Florida League of Cities as well as matters not covered by that insurance contract. The firm currently represents the County on the matters set forth on the following page.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES: Change in hourly rate from \$145 to \$155 per hour for attorneys and from \$65 to \$75 per hour for paralegals effective October 1, 2005.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approval.

TOTAL COST: \$ **BUDGETED:** Yes No

COST TO COUNTY: \$ **SOURCE OF FUNDS:**

REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes No **AMOUNT PER MONTH** **Year**

APPROVED BY: County Atty X OMB/Purchasing Risk Management

DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL:

 01/03/06

JOHN R. COLLINS, COUNTY ATTORNEY

DOCUMENTATION: Included X Not Required

DISPOSITION:

AGENDA ITEM # L-5

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Re: Firm Rates

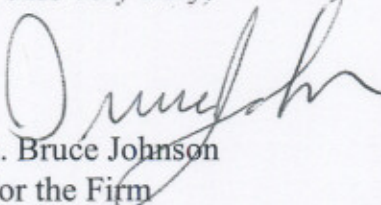
Dear Ms. Slavik:

The Florida Municipal Insurance Trust and the Florida League of Cities have raised the rates for its attorneys from \$145/hour to \$155/hour. Paralegal rates have been raised from \$65/hour to \$75/hour. The new rates are effective October 1, 2005.

As our firm has previously agreed with Monroe County and the Florida Municipal Insurance Trust, Monroe County will be provided the same low rates that our firm charges the Florida Municipal Insurance Trust and the Florida League of Cities.

Once again thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

Yours very truly,


E. Bruce Johnson
For the Firm

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